

Oct. 4, 1971

Dear Jim and Vickie:

Your new station wagon sure sounds nice to have. I bet you will enjoy traveling in it. It will be less expensive too, if you can sleep in the car on trips.

Mike and I went on a little vacation a week and a half ago. We drove up to Vancouver and then drove through Canada just above the border and down to Kettle Falls. Mike just loves it over there and wanted me to tell you to pack your bags and meet us there for good! Mike would like to buy out his folks share and develop an orchard so we could move there in a few years. I don't know if I would adjust to it, but there is plenty of room for all of us. We picked a lot of pears, apples, and plums from the trees that are there, and mom has been canning.

I am taking a evening class at the University starting this Wednesday. It is Russian Literature and we are to read Tolstoy's Anna Karinina and Dostoyveski's The Brothers Karamazov. Also two short novels by each. They are both very long books, so I am going to be busy reading for a while.

Mike is on a low-carbohydrate diet and has already lost 5 pounds. All he can eat is meat, fish and vegetables. It is hard thinking up varieties of meals to sound good to him, but he is sticking to it. He won't let me bake rolls or cookies or anything that he can smell and can't eat, so I feel like I am on the diet too. I love bread and cake and cookies. Our landlady bakes pies and brings up pieces for us, so I have to hide them.

Well, I will write again later.

Love,

Mary